

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-3, 6-7, and 14-15; amend claims 1, 4-5, 9-10, 12-13, 16-17, and 19-20. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A track fitting used in connection with a track extending along an item for securing a covering to said item, the track fitting comprising:

a body having a front portion and a rear portion, said rear portion being substantially C-shaped and having a first integral foot and a second integral foot, said first integral foot and said second integral foot defining an opening therebetween, said opening for receiving and securing the covering, including at least one of said first integral foot and said second integral foot adapted to be for being received in one of a series of openings defined by the track, said body further being adapted to receive and secure a portion of the covering or a catch extending from the covering; and

a plunger having a lower end and defining a front portion receiving aperture, said plunger cooperating with said front portion between a first position and a second position, said front portion receiving aperture receiving placed said front portion adjacent to and vertically movable with respect to said body, said plunger lower end being disengaged from the track when said lower end is pulled upwards to the first position, being movable between a first position that allowing movement of the track fitting along the track, and said lower end engages the track at one of the openings defined by the track when said lower end is placed in the a-second position in which said plunger engages one of the openings defined by the track, preventing further

movement of the track fitting along the track.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The track fitting as recited in claim 1, wherein said body further comprises a projection that extends through a projection receiving aperture defined by said plunger, said projection defining ~~an~~ a cable receiving aperture therethrough for receiving a cable to impede prevent the vertical movement of said plunger from being pulled upward to the first position.

5. (currently amended) A system for securing a pallet of cargo ~~including a covering and a fitting for securing said covering to a track, said fitting comprising:~~

a track extending around the perimeter of a pallet;

a covering for enclosing the pallet; and

a plurality of fittings for securing the covering to the track, each fitting comprising

a body having a front portion and a rear portion, said rear portion being substantially C-shaped and having a first integral foot and a second integral foot, said first integral foot and said second integral foot defining an opening therebetween, said opening for receiving and securing the covering, supported by at least one of said first integral foot and said

~~second integral foot adapted to be for being received by each of a series of openings defined by the track, a portion of said body being adapted for engaging the covering; and~~

~~a plunger slidably secured to said body and having a lower end adapted to be received by each of the openings defined by the track, wherein said plunger is movable between a first position that allows movement of the track fitting along the track and a second position in which the plunger engages one of the openings defined by the track having a lower end and defining a front portion receiving aperture, said plunger cooperating with said front portion between a first position and a second position, said front portion receiving aperture receiving said front portion and adjacent to said rear portion, said plunger lower end being disengaged from the track when said lower end is pulled upwards to the first position, allowing movement of the track fitting along the track, and said lower end engages the track at one of the openings defined by the track when said lower end is placed in the second position, preventing further movement of the track fitting along the track.~~

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The system as recited in claim 5, and further comprising a locking mechanism for temporarily disabling the movement of said plunger.

9. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 7-5, further comprising a

cable, said cable having a first end and a second end, wherein said body further comprises a projection that extends through a projection receiving aperture defined by said plunger, said projection defining an defining ~~an~~ a cable receiving aperture for receiving ~~a~~ said cable to disable ~~the movement of said plunger from being pulled upward to the first position.~~

10. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the ends of said cable are secured to one another to prevent the undesired removal of said cable from said cable receiving aperture of said projection.

11. (original) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein a tracking label is secured to the ends of said cable.

12. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 5, wherein the covering has an inner surface having a color and an outer surface having another color, the color of said inner surface ~~being distinct from~~ contrasting with the color of said outer surface, ~~so that any~~ to signal any damage to ~~said the covering is readily visible.~~

13. (currently amended) In a system for securing cargo that includes a track extending substantially about the periphery of the cargo and a covering that is positioned over and substantially encloses said cargo, the improvement comprising:

a track fitting having

a body having a front portion and a rear portion, said rear portion being

substantially C-shaped and having a first integral foot and a second integral foot, said first integral foot and said second integral foot defining an opening therebetween, said opening for receiving and securing the covering, with a at least one of said first integral foot and said second integral foot adapted to be for being received in one of a series of openings defined by the track, said body further being adapted to receive and secure a portion of the covering or a catch extending from the covering, and

a plunger secured adjacent to and vertically movable with respect to said body, said plunger being movable between a first position that allows movement of the track fitting along the track and a second position in which said plunger engages one of the openings defined by the track, preventing further movement of the track fitting along the track having a lower end and defining a front portion receiving aperture, said plunger cooperating with said front portion between a first position and a second position, said front portion receiving aperture receiving said front portion and adjacent to said rear portion, said plunger lower end being disengaged from the track when said lower end is pulled upwards to the first position, allowing movement of the track fitting along the track, and said lower end engaging the track at one of the openings defined by the track when said lower end is placed in the second position, preventing further movement of the track fitting along the track.

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 13, further comprising a cable, said cable having a first end and a second end, wherein said body further comprises a projection that extends through a projection receiving aperture defined by said plunger, said projection defining ~~an~~ a cable receiving aperture for receiving ~~a~~ said cable to ~~impede prevent the vertical movement of said plunger from being pulled upward to the first position.~~

17. (currently amended) The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 16, wherein the ends of said cable are secured to one another to prevent the undesired removal of said cable from said cable receiving aperture of said projection.

18. (original) The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 17, wherein a tracking label is secured to the ends of said cable.

19. (currently amended) The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 13, wherein ~~said~~ the covering is constructed from a material that, when cut, signals that the cargo has been tampered with.

20. (currently amended) The system for securing cargo as recited in claim 19, wherein the covering has an inner surface having a color and an outer surface having another color, the color of said inner surface ~~being distinct from~~ contrasting with the color of said outer surface, such that, when cut, the color of said inner surface becomes visible.